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Education & Public Health Department
G.O.Ms.No. 3712, dated 10th November 1947.

ORDER:-

The Health Survey and Development Committee has made a number of suggestions for combating alcoholism and for restricting the consumption of alcohol to a minimum. The Government consider that, having regard to the policy of total prohibition which the Government have decided to adopt and which in all probability, will have been fully implemented by 1st October 1948, drink will be almost completely eliminated throughout the Province before the end of 1948. They have therefore decided not to pursue the suggestions of the Bhore Committee except the following, namely,

that before prohibition is introduced in all area, a preliminary survey should be carried out for the purpose of assessing the health and economic condition of the habitual drinkers and their dependents, the survey being confined to selected towns and villages in the area concerned; and also that annual surveys should be carried out as to the health and welfare of the people in areas covered by prohibition.

2. The Government agree that inquiries should be instituted as regards the effects of prohibition on human health. They therefore direct that the Public Health Department should make (i) a survey of the health and economic condition of habitual drinkers and their dependents in half a dozen selected towns and villages in the Kistna and Tinnevelly districts, and (ii) a survey of the health and general welfare of former addicts in a similar number of selected towns and villages in the Anantapur and North Arcot Districts. A report on the conclusions reached as a result of these surveys, should be submitted to Government, in due course, together with the Directors' comments thereon.

3. The Collectors of the districts concerned are requested to arrange for affording facilities for carrying out these surveys.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

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Secy. to Government.

To
The Director of Public Health.
" Board of Revenue(Excise).
" Collectors of Kistna, Tinnevelly, Anantapur and North Arcot Dt.
" Revenue Department.

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